

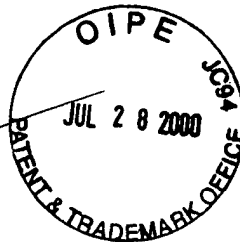
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USE IN AN IMMUNOASSAY FOR THE
SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF
AUTOANTIBODIES RELATED TO
INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief for two (2) months from May 28, 2000 to July 28, 2000. The purpose of this extension of time is not to pay for additional time for filing an Appeal Brief, rather it is to pay for additional time for refiling the application as a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). The CPA Request Transmittal is filed concurrently with this Request. Enclosed is a check for \$380.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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